



Top 10 Things District 67 Parents and Faculty Don't Do:

10. They do not sell Market Day products and organize multiple pick up dates to fund additional materials for the multi-media centers in the schools.

(Last year the Spirit of 67 Foundation provided over \$12,000 in additional resource materials to support social studies, world language, and language arts curriculums.)

9. They do not organize school-wide bake sales to support the school's wellness programs.

(Over the past 5 years alone Spirit of 67 Foundation provided \$77,000 dollars for district-wide support of wellness and nutrition programs.)

8. They do not organize printer cartridge recycle drives to trade for school copier paper needs.

(The Foundation does not support bricks and mortar purchases. Our funding goes to enrich, enhance and accelerate academic experiences for our student population.)

7. They do not put on pancake breakfasts to support new classroom initiatives.

(The Foundation has supported preschool early math programs, GPS units for curricular projects, and expanded CPR equipment and training offerings.)

6. They do not have to plan, fund and advertise district wide family events to major museums in the Chicago land area.

(While the Foundation makes no money from their annual Family Appreciation Night, the organization coordinates this event as a way to continue to build and strengthen the bonds between families which help support our community at large.)

5. They do not have to sell potted plants, sweatshirts, cookie dough, magazine subscriptions, coupon books, raffle tickets, club memberships, internet phone service or gift candy to support new hardware technologies in the classroom.

(Don't laugh, the Foundation has provided over \$500,000 to increase the presence, the quality and the usage of technology in our District. One set of classroom laptops costs over \$25,000....that is a lot of cookie dough.)

4. They do not have to sign their middle school student up for special, private music, writing, or software usage courses. (Okay, they can-but they don't have to!)

The music department at DPM has digital recording equipment that allows individual students to record their performances and analyze their work. Each 7th and 8th grade classroom had hands-on writing workshops with resident authors from Ragdale. Finally, the Haskins Media Center has the hardware, the software and the teachers with the "know"ware allowing students to use their own creative video clips and digital images into their regular curriculum projects. It is not just cut and paste anymore.)

3. They do not have to wait for the funding to come along, to get a good idea off the ground.

(The teamwork of interested, dedicated parents, teachers and administrators has assisted in launching many new ideas, big and small. DPM fitness centers, soundfield amplification, science labs and Bill Byzinsky are just a few.)

2. Members of the APT and other parent support groups do not have to solicit funds to bring valuable fine arts experiences to the student population.

(Since its inception the Foundation has been able to provide funding in excess of \$100,000 to support the fine arts programs researched, scheduled and implemented by the APT and its many dedicated volunteers.)

1. They do not have to rely on the fundraising efforts of individuals in their school to assist in achieving program parity with other schools in the district.

(The Foundation provides funding to requests based upon merit-not based upon which school population provided the most funding to the organization. This means that the focus of the fundraising is to ensure that each student in the district feels the benefits of the Foundation.)

100% of the students at Sheridan School benefit directly from the Spirit of 67 Foundation, yet only approximately 31% of the Sheridan families participate in the Foundation. Won't you consider a family donation to the Spirit of 67?